

REMARKS

The applicants have studied the Office Action dated January 7, 2005. It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Claims 1-6 and 13-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 12-22, 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato (US Patent 6,263,202) in view of Ho et al. (US, 5,805,298).

Claims 11, 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato (US Patent 6,263,202) in view of Ho et al. (US, 5,805,298) and further in view of Levine (US 6,792,082). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 7 recites "a processor to associate an address-identifier with a plurality of selected alphanumeric characters; and

a memory to store the plurality of selected alphanumeric characters in association with the associated address-identifier, wherein the voice-recognition engine is further configured to interpret the audio-data as matching a selected one of a set of commands to process the plurality of selected alphanumeric characters and the associated address-identifier, the processor executing the selected command." Other claims recite a similar language. The references cited by the Examiner do not disclose: a) associating an address-identifier with a plurality of selected alphanumeric characters; and b) voice-recognition engine configured to interpret the audio-data as matching a selected one of a set of commands to process the plurality of selected alphanumeric characters and the associated address-identifier."

The Examiner states that col. 4, lines 55-67 and col. 5, lines 1-14 of the Ho reference discloses a) associating an address-identifier with a plurality of selected alphanumeric characters; and b) voice-recognition engine configured to interpret the audio-data as matching a selected one of a set of commands to process the plurality of selected alphanumeric characters and the associated address-identifier. However, the section of the Ho reference pointed out by the Examiner does not disclose associating any address identifier with alphanumeric characters, as recited in the claims. The section discloses a use of a voice recognition module but does not

disclose associating any address identifier with alphanumeric characters. The other references do not address the deficiencies of the Ho reference.

Thus, claims 7-12 and 19-24 distinguish over the art of record.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 7-12 and 19-24 should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are requested.

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